

## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Theme:** New life in Christ Jesus.

### Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today's Gospel, the short form.

#### Step One: Listen to the Word

Listening today to this familiar story, what scene in it most affected you?  
What word of Jesus did you notice?

#### Step Two: Look into your Life

**Question for Children:** How do your actions show that you put your faith and trust in Jesus?

**Question for Youth:** Lazarus received a second chance at life through Jesus.  
How have you experienced second chances in your own life?

**Question for Adults:** The death from which we are called is healing from those things which bind us and hold us back: memories, fears, rejection, or other such things. What binds you?  
What keeps you from fully being your own most true self in Christ?

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Jack Deasy

*St. Isidore Parish, Stow  
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Acton & Boxborough*

*Celebrating God's love in Jesus Christ. Going forth to share it with all.*



## *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

*April 2, 2017*

*I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.*



A warm welcome to our visitors.  
We are glad to have you among us!

If you are new to the parish, please let us know so that we can  
welcome you personally!

The parish is the presence of the Church in a given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers. It is a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach (Pope Francis, *Joy of the Gospel*, 28).

**THE SACRED TRIDUUM AT  
ST. ISIDORE & ST. ELIZABETH**

**Holy Thursday—April 13**

7:30 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper,  
St. Elizabeth.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Night Prayer  
(after Mass), St. Isidore

**Good Friday—April 14**

9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer, St. Isidore

4:00 p.m.—Stations of the Cross, St. Isidore

7:30 p.m., Celebration of the Lord's Passion,  
St. Isidore

**Holy Saturday—April 15**

No confessions today

9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer with Blessing  
of Easter Food, St. Elizabeth

8:30 p.m.—Easter Vigil, St. Elizabeth  
(Please assemble in the parking lot for the  
lighting of the Paschal Candle.)

**Easter Sunday—April 16**

**(Special Schedule) Masses:**

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., St. Isidore  
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon, St. Elizabeth

**HOLY THURSDAY SUPPER**

Holy Thursday Supper provides the opportunity for all to come together to begin these most important days of the church year. The dinner will be served in St. Elizabeth Parish Center Hall from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 13 followed by the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m. The full buffet meal will include ziti and meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and beverages.

The cost of the tickets will be \$8.00/person, with a cap of \$30 family of 4 or more, children under 5 free. Tickets can be picked up in the parish offices or after Masses at St. Elizabeth this weekend and next.

**THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU!**

This Lenten season, each Catholic parish in the Boston Archdiocese will have confessions available every Wednesday from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time, or just find it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and his Church. Haven't been to confession in a while? Interested, but worry you don't remember how to give a good confession? No problem. A simple guide is available on the back cover of our Lenten 24 Hours for the Lord guide or at <http://www.bustedhalo.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2009/02/how-to-confess.pdf>. And, our priests are always happy to gently guide you through the experience. Come experience the joy of our Lord's mercy!

The light will be on for you at both parishes from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, April 5 & 12.

**HOLY WEEK AND TRIDUUM  
We Need Your Help!**

A lot goes into preparing for and celebrating our liturgies during this most sacred of times. We need additional people to help with a variety of simple yet important roles. This is a great opportunity to get involved!

**Please sign up:**

- To prepare the environment at St. Elizabeth:
  - Saturday, April 8, 9:30 a.m. for Palm Sunday.
  - Saturday, April 15, after 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer.

Also we are in need of:

Towels laundered at home after Holy Thursday Liturgy.

To serve as greeters and ushers at the Collaborative liturgies on Holy Thursday or at the Easter Vigil (held at St. Elizabeth).

To serve as greeter, usher, or gift bearer at the 8 a.m., 10 a.m., or 12 p.m. Masses on Easter Sunday at St. Elizabeth.

For more details or to sign up to help, please refer to the Ministry Sign-Up book in the gathering space at the back of the church after Mass or contact Mary Ryan at [mgr@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:mgr@applevalleycatholic.org) or 978 263-4305 x35.

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**ST. ELIZABETH HEARING LOOP**

Hearing Loop Receivers are available for those who wish to listen through the Hearing Loop. Please see Mary Ryan before Mass if you would like to try one.



**OUR PARISHES:**

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary**  
89 Arlington St.  
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[www.seoh.org](http://www.seoh.org)

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Stow, MA 01775  
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[www.stisidorestow.org](http://www.stisidorestow.org)

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

St. Elizabeth Parish:  
Vigil Mass: Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

St. Isidore Parish:  
Vigil Mass: Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

**Daily Eucharist this week:**  
St. Isidore—9:00 a.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
St. Elizabeth—9:00 a.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
St. Elizabeth:  
Saturdays, 3:00—3:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays, 6:30—8:00 p.m., During Lent

St. Isidore:  
Saturdays, 4:00—4:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays, 6:30—8:00 p.m., During Lent

For current information check the parish website or call the parish telephone number.

**READINGS THIS SUNDAY— April 2**  
(Cycle A)

Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

**READINGS NEXT SUNDAY— April 9**  
(Cycle A)

Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt26:14-27:66

**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES?**

Household Goods, 530 Main St. (Rte. 27) in Acton, needs additional volunteers, especially furniture movers during the week. These volunteers assist both on the road (picking up donations) and at the facility in Acton (moving donations in and client furniture out to waiting vehicles). Must be 18 years or older and must complete a CORI check. Hours and days of the week are flexible. Whether you can spare as little as three hours a month, or a day or more a week, we invite you to join us in our mission to assist those in need in our community. For more information, please call 978-635-1710 x6 or visit their website: [www.householdgoods.org](http://www.householdgoods.org).

**ST. ELIZABETH YEAR END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT**

For tax purposes, parishioners often seek to document their contributions to St. Elizabeth's. Your bank statement constitutes acceptable IRS documentation for donations by check or EFT. The parish can also supply a statement, provided they were made by means of donations envelopes, EFT or contributions of \$250 or more on a single day. If you would like a statement, please fill out the form below and return it by mail or the collection basket. Thank you as always, for your support of St. Elizabeth and its mission.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone or email (in case we have questions):  
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CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ELIZABETH	
Total Offertory Last Sunday: 3/26/17:	\$ 5,322
Mail backs for Week Ending 3/25/17:	\$ 2,127
EFT for Week Ending 3/25/17:	\$ 25,060
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 3/25/17:	\$ 32,509
Total Parish Support since 7/1/2016:	\$ 534,777
Target Parish Support since 7/1/2016:	\$ 551,650
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/2016:	\$ (16,873)
Preliminary target is \$715,000 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.	
Thank you very much!	

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK:**

**St. Isidore:**  
Saturday, April 1, 5:00 p.m.  
Maria Terra, Memorial Mass

Sunday, April 2, 9:00 a.m.  
Josephine Angelico, Memorial Mass

Tuesday, April 4, 9:00 a.m.  
Lenore Ulichney, Memorial Mass

Thursday, April 6, 9:00 a.m.  
Vito DiBenedetto, Memorial Mass

**St. Elizabeth:**  
Monday, April 3, 9:00 a.m.  
Regina Johnson, Anniversary Mass

Wednesday April 5, 9:00 a.m.  
Betty Saganich, Anniversary Mass

Friday, April 7, 9:00 a.m.  
John F. Howes, Anniversary Mass

**Prayers for the Departed:**  
Carol Cruz



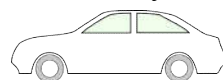
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARISH SUPPORT ST. ISIDORE	
Total Offertory Sunday 3/26/17:	\$ 2,498
Total EFT for Week Ending 3/26/17:	\$ 2,066
Total Parish Support for Week Ending 3/26/17:	\$ 4,564
Total Parish Support since 7/1/16:	\$ 176,840
Target Parish Support since 7/1/16:	\$ 179,400
Over (Under) Target since 7/1/16:	\$ (2,560)
St. Vincent DePaul Collection:	\$ 46
Grand Annual (128% of goal)	\$ 43,682
Thank you very much!	

**SPRING BIBLE STUDY – PANORAMA OF THE NEW TESTAMENT**

The next Bible study offering in the collaborative is an overview of the whole New Testament focusing on how God's plan of salvation unfolds in Jesus. This study begins on Tuesday evening April 25 at the SEOH parish center and continues for four Tuesday evenings. Participation is open to all members of the collaborative. This study will provide a useful overview for newcomers to Bible study as well as people with experience. The cost for books is expected to be \$16-18. See the website for additional information on Bible study. Enrollment deadline is April 12. To enroll or ask questions, contact Steve Ryan [sjryan@applevalleycollaborative.org](mailto:sjryan@applevalleycollaborative.org) or 978-263-4305 x21).

**INVITE A FRIEND TO CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK WITH YOU!**

This Triduum and Easter, we invite you to take the opportunity to invite a friend! Is there someone you know who might be curious about these special Holy Days, or may want to come, but need a ride or may not know a lot of people and may not want to attend alone. Reach out and invite them! Share a ride, share your Faith. Make a difference!



**CATHOLIC APPEAL**

**Thank You for Last Year**

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the 2016 Catholic Appeal. St. Isidore and St. Elizabeth Parishes both exceeded their respective assessments last year and both received rebates equal to 65% of the overage (\$2,120 for St. I's and \$6,434 for St. E's).

**This Year's Appeal**

Many thanks to all of you who participated in the Commitment Weekend by completing your blue card and pledging to this year's Catholic Appeal. If you could not be with us at Mass last weekend, you can still make your pledge by:

- Completing a blue pledge card and dropping it into any collection basket at Mass. Blank blue cards can be found in the vestibule or in the front of the Church.
- Completing a commitment form online at [HTTP://TINYURL.COM/JP5G5CT](http://TINYURL.COM/JP5G5CT)

More information can be found online at <http://bostoncatholicappeal.org>

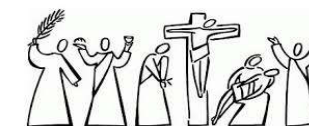
**APPLE VALLEY CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY AUCTION**

Thank you so much to everyone that supported the auction last weekend. It was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without everyone's help. We had a record attendance and appears we made a record amount. Details to follow in the coming weeks.

The raffle ticket winners were:  
1st Prize - Go Pro Hero5 Session: Sydney McCullen  
2nd Prize - \$75.00: Mairead Carey  
3rd Prize - \$25.00: Joanne Wiggins

**FIFTH WEEK OF LENT-- ENCOUNTER RESILIENCE Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl**

We encounter Dita in Ethiopia, and see how her newfound entrepreneurial skills are providing three meals a day for her children—even during a devastating drought. What skills have you discovered this Lent that can be put to good use in building God's kingdom? Visit [crsrice-bowl.org](http://crsrice-bowl.org) for more. Your Rice Bowl offering will be collected and brought forward with our offerings of bread and wine at our Holy Thursday Mass.



**Living the gospel**

**Death for Life**

The gospel writer paints the picture that Jesus is fully conscious of the implications of his return to Judea. As the events of the Passion unfold through this gospel, the reader has a very clear impression in their mind that if Jesus had not come to Judea; had not raised Lazarus; then he would not have been arrested and crucified. The reader is also drawn into the revelation that the sacrifice of Jesus was not solely for Lazarus but rather for all humanity. This realisation leads the reader to the ultimate humbling conclusion that if the sacrifice of Jesus was for people then the reader themselves is also the recipient of that sacrifice.

**COLLABORATIVE MUSIC CALENDAR**

**Monday, April 3**

Collaborative Cantor Rehearsal  
7:00-7:30 p.m., St. Isidore Church

Collaborative Music Ministry Rehearsal,  
7:30-9:00 p.m., St. Isidore Church

**Wednesday, April 5**

St. Isidore Children's Choir Rehearsal  
4:00—4:45 p.m., St. Isidore Church

Music Planning Meeting  
6:00 p.m., St. Isidore Church

**Thursday, April 6**

St. Elizabeth Children's Choir Rehearsal  
5:45-6:30 p.m., Parish Center, Room 1

**CHOIRS FOR HOLY WEEK**

Adults and High School students are welcome to join the Collaborative Choir to sing any or all of the Masses during Holy Week. Rehearsals will be:

Monday, April 3 at St. Isidore  
Tuesday, April 11 at St. Elizabeth

All rehearsals begin at 7:30 p.m. If you would play to play an instrument, contact Music Director Andrea Goodrich for the instrumental rehearsal schedule at [andreas@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:andreas@applevalleycatholic.org)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Apple Valley Catholic Community  
Vacation Bible School**



August 7-11, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
St. Elizabeth Church

Closing service and ice cream social  
August 10, 6:30 p.m., St. Isidore Church

For children age 4 by Sept. 1, 2017 through entering 6th grade. Stay tuned ... Preregistration evening coming soon. Volunteers welcomed: teens entering 7th grade up to adult.

Questions? Contact Co-Directors Lisa Lapinski ([lisalapinski@verizon.net](mailto:lisalapinski@verizon.net)) or Sarah Burianek ([sarahburianek@msn.com](mailto:sarahburianek@msn.com))

**ST. ELIZABETH  
FUNERAL RECEPTION MINISTRY  
ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Funeral Reception Ministry provides the opportunity for family and friends time to gather, share a meal and the gift of time together after the funeral or memorial Mass of a loved one without the worry of all the details involved. A team of a few volunteers welcome guests and serve the buffet meal provided by the family. Responsibilities include: set tables, put our food that family provides, arrange flowers, meet and great and cleanup. Volunteers serve on their availability. No experience required only a desire to offer this compassionate service to those experiencing loss. To help with the Funeral Reception Ministry, please contact Janice, 978 263-4305 x10 or email [janice@applevalleycatholic.org](mailto:janice@applevalleycatholic.org).

**SUMMER 2017 MISSION TRIPS!**

**Olancho Aid Foundation  
Juticalpa, Olancho- Honduras**  
June 12— June 20

Open to all graduating high school seniors, college young people and young adults.

**Our Own Mission Trip  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama**  
June 26—July 2

Open to all young people presently in high school.

**Just5Days- Center for Ministry Development  
Springfield, Massachusetts**  
July 17—July 23

Open to all young people presently in 7th and 8th grade.

**Catholic Heart Workcamp  
N. Arlington, New Jersey**  
July 23—July 29

Open to all young people entering high school. in the Fall of 2017.

**ST. ELIZABETH  
LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN**  
Sunday, April 9 10:30 a.m. Mass

At the opening of the 10:30 a.m. Mass, the children are invited to the front of the church to proceed to the church hall for the Liturgy of the Word for Children.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. ELIZABETH:**

**Sunday, April 2**

Gospel Scripture Reflection  
9:15—10:15 a.m., Parish Center, Room 4

**Monday, April 3**

Book Discussion Group  
9:45—11:30 a.m., Parish Center Hall

**Wednesday, April 5**

Collaborative Pastoral Council  
7:00-9:00 p.m., Parish Center, Room 1

**Friday, April 7**

Prayer Shawl Ministry  
10:00-11:30 a.m., Parish Center, Room 4

**ST. ELIZABETH  
EASTER SEASON FLOWER FUND**

We welcome your contribution towards the flowers and decorations that will adorn our church for the Easter Season. Please complete the form below and mail it to the parish office at 89 Arlington St. Acton MA 01720 Attn: John Morris or put it in an envelope marked 'Flower Fund' and place it in the collection basket. If you are making your donation in memory of a deceased loved one and wish to have his/her name published in our bulletin on the Feast of Pentecost, the end of the Easter Season, please check off the appropriate box on the form below. Contact Mary Ryan at [mgr@seoh.org](mailto:mgr@seoh.org) or at 978-263-4305 X35 if you have any questions.



Enclosed is my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards the Easter Season Flower Fund. I am making this donation in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (please print clearly)

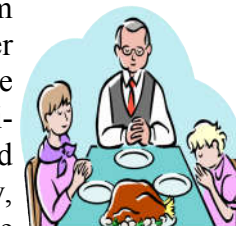
I would like the above name/s published in the bulletin on the Feast of Pentecost. Yes\_\_ No \_\_.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

Please check here if you would like your donation to be made anonymously. \_\_\_\_

**ST. ISIDORE WARM HEARTS  
EASTER DINNER COLLECTION**

Once again we are working with Warm Hearts of Stow to collect food for Easter Dinners. Easter Dinner donation tags are hung on our Giving Tree in the vestibule. All food items MUST be returned to the parish hall NO later than Thursday, April 2 at 4:00 p.m. or it will be too late to deliver them.



**ST. ISIDORE EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS**

Envelopes are available at the church entrances for all who wish to make a donation for Easter Flowers as a memorial for a loved one. Memorial information MUST be submitted to the parish office no later than April 10 to be included in the Easter bulletin.

**TO BENEFIT ST. ISIDORE—  
Maynard Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner**

Wednesday, April 19  
7:00 p.m., St. Isidore Hall

Maynard Council 2121, Knights of Columbus will host a pasta and meatballs dinner to benefit St. Isidore Parish. The meal will be catered by Flo's Catering. Admission is \$12 per person. Please contact Richard Horst at 978-201-3660 or [rsprtdwlf@aol.com](mailto:rsprtdwlf@aol.com) for information and tickets.

**ST. ISIDORE CORI FORMS**

For all who need to fill out CORI forms (new or renewal), volunteers will be available in the work sacristy after the 5:00 p.m. mass and in the church hall after the 9:00 a.m. Mass every weekend through the end of April (excluding Easter weekend).

**SUNDAY CAFÉ**



Please join us every Sunday for coffee and refreshments, time to catch up with friends & meet new friends!

**St. Isidore** after the 9:00 a.m. Mass

**St. Elizabeth** after the 10:30 a.m. Mass (except GIFT weekends)